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Biography

James Bernard Bowler was born in Chicago, Ill., February 5, 1875; attended the parochial and public schools; professional bicycle rider and racer; member of the Chicago City Council, 1906–1923; served as commissioner of compensation for the city of Chicago, 1923–1927; public vehicle license commissioner for the city of Chicago in 1934; again served as a member in the city council, 1928–1953, serving as president pro tempore for eight years; engaged in the insurance business; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Adolph J. Sabath; reelected to the Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth Congresses and served from July 7, 1953, until his death in Chicago, Ill., July 18, 1957; interment in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Ill.

Memorial Services
for
James Bernard Bowler

Eighty-fifth Congress
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Proceedings in the House

THURSDAY, *July 18, 1957.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Most merciful and gracious God, Thou art far beyond the reach of the wisdom and the understanding of our finite and fallible minds.

We rejoice, however, that the inexhaustible resources of Thy grace are always available when we approach Thee with a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Guide us this day in the ways of righteousness and peace and in seeking to serve Thee faithfully may we be blessed with the tokens of Thine everlasting favor.

May our President, our Speaker, and all the Members of this legislative body be richly endowed with the cardinal virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Inspire them with a calm and commonsense spirit which is so essential to clear judgment and right decision.

We thank Thee for the character and ministry of one of our colleagues whom Thou hast called unto Thyself. Thou has opened unto him the gateway to the larger life and received him into Thy nearer presence. Grant unto the members of his bereaved family the consolation of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and a heavy burden on my heart that I announce to the Members of the House the passing of JAMES B. BOWLER, who died today, July 18, at his home in Chicago, Ill.

Representative BOWLER was born in Chicago and educated in the parochial and public schools of that city. He served as a member of the Chicago City Council from 1906 until 1953, with the exception of 4 years from 1923 to 1927, when

serving as commissioner of compensation for the city of Chicago, and 6 months when serving as public vehicle license commissioner for the city. During his long service in the city council at various times he served as chairman of many of the committees of that body, including the most important committees of local transportation, utilities, finance and rules. For 8 years he served as president pro tempore of the city council.

Representative BOWLER was elected to the 83d Congress on July 7, 1953, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Honorable Adolph J. Sabath; he was reelected to the 84th and 85th Congresses.

To his widow and family go the deep sympathy of Mrs. O'Brien and myself.

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, again the flag of our country is at half-mast over the Capitol, and we are gathered with saddened hearts to note the passing of one whose association with us in this historic Chamber has left sweet memories that time will not efface.

JIM BOWLER lived a long and useful life and during many decades he was the warm and close friend of the dean of the Illinois Democratic delegation, and my warm and close friend. Congressman O'Brien and I now are under a great emotional strain, still crushed by news that came to us only a short time ago of the passing of a dear friend and the earthly severance of a bond of affection the weaving of which had started over half a century ago and which grew stronger with every passing year. Our grief is shared by all the members of the Illinois delegation.

JIM BOWLER was in every sense of the word a great American. At the turn of the century he was a renowned athlete whose name was a household word throughout the Nation. It was then that bicycle racing had a tremendous popular appeal. Great crowds turned out to view the spectacles of speed and courage when the champion bicycle riders met in contest. JIM BOWLER was a champion of champions, and thousands have been the hats that have been hurled high

in the air in many American cities when over the finish line came first as always the bicycle of JIM BOWLER.

Many times when I have seen him enter this Chamber, walking with the aid of a cane and sitting all during the session giving intense attention to all the legislative business that was being transacted, always racked with the pain of arthritis but always with a smile on his face, I have thought of the JIM BOWLER that first I saw, the athletic idol of the Nation, JIM BOWLER, the champion, always driving his bicycle first past the finish line.

Then came the start of his public service. He came on the scene when politics in a big city was rough business. But JIM BOWLER never was rough. He was firm, always like Tom O'Brien a man of his word, but also like Tom O'Brien he never deviated from the simple virtues that mothers teach to their children and which if their children when they grow up continue to follow will assure them a place in the esteem of their fellows.

JIM BOWLER was an alderman in the city council of Chicago for 47 years. He was chairman at various times of all the important committees of the council, including the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules. For some time he was president pro tempore of the council and in the absence of the mayor he was acting mayor of the second city in population in the United States.

He had tremendous power. That power came to him by reason not only of his outstanding ability and his seniority as a member of the council, but as well from his position as a ward committeeman of the Democratic Party and one of the great leaders of the party in Chicago and in Cook County.

In all that time of service and of tremendous influence, never once did the shadow of suspicion or of distrust ever fall upon him. He was a tower of integrity, and everyone in the great city of Chicago for a period exceeding half a century knew that JIM BOWLER prized his honor, his party's honor, and his city's honor more than he prized his own life.

He was a deeply religious man, regular in his worship and practicing in all of the contacts of his daily life the teachings

of a religion of faith and of love. He was never too busy to help those in the humbler stations of life who faced baffling problems and had nowhere to turn, and when they went to JIM BOWLER he would drop everything to give attention to the ones who had no other place to go.

JIM BOWLER was devoted to his wife. Many times during recesses here in the House we had chatted together and he would relive it all in the telling to me of instances of his courtship and of his marriage to the fine young woman who remained always his queen. To her and to the other members of the family I join with my colleagues in the expression of deepest sympathy. I have the faith that JIM BOWLER lives on and that at this moment he is very close to her whom he loved and that always it will be so.

In the passing of JIM BOWLER, Chicago has lost one of its builders, Illinois a son who always did her honor, and the Nation a faithful servitor.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I address this body concerning the untimely death of my dear friend and colleague, JAMES B. BOWLER. I have known JIM BOWLER for over 30 years. He was a man of strength and simplicity and with a heart that felt for every human being. There was no pretense about JIM BOWLER.

He was known as the "Silver Fox" in the city council of Chicago, where he was alderman of the 25th Ward for 43 years. He was chairman of many powerful committees, including finance, and served 8 years as president pro tempore.

In 1953 he succeeded the dean of the House A. J. Sabath, and was so serving at the time of his death. JIM BOWLER married Anastasia V. Sweeney and my deepest sympathies are conveyed to his bereaved widow.

JIM BOWLER has gone to the Great Beyond. He is probably today gazing upon this great Chamber and upon his friends with deep satisfaction in the knowledge that his work was well done. The city of Chicago, the great State of Illinois, and his district will feel keenly the loss of JIM BOWLER, but

the ideals which he held uppermost in life and for which he fought will always remain in the hearts of the people of his district.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I want to join Congressman O'Brien, Congressman O'Hara, and my other colleagues from Illinois, in paying tribute to JIM BOWLER. JIM BOWLER was a fine man and a fine Congressman. It was not my good fortune to know him as long or as well as Congressman O'Brien and Congressman O'Hara have known him. Theirs is a proud memory to be cherished as a result of their long association with him and their heart-warming close friendship with him. Mine is much more recent, but quite enriching nevertheless.

I came to know JIM BOWLER when he was a member of the city council of the city of Chicago, shortly before he entered the Congress of the United States. He was for many years one of the leaders of the city council. I came to know him better as a result of our close association since he became a Member of Congress, and I know I have benefited greatly from that fortunate friendship. It was a privilege to share his warm personality, to share in the richness of his experience, to benefit by his knowledge. His has been a long life of helping his fellow man.

There was nothing that anyone wanted that JIM BOWLER was not ready to help him with. To my mind he was the very inspiration for the poem about the man who wanted nothing more than to live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man. This was JIM BOWLER. And I think of another famous poem that embodies JIM BOWLER's philosophy, the poem that was written by John Donne in the 16th century. He said:

No man is an island entire of itself.
Every man is part of the continent, a piece of the main.
For every clod that is washed away the continent is the less;
Every man's death diminishes me, for I am a part of mankind.
Therefore do not ask to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

This was JIM BOWLER's philosophy. It epitomizes the love that one has for his fellow man. I, too, will miss him very much and I want to express on behalf of Mrs. Yates and myself our profound sympathy to Mrs. Bowler and JIM's family.

Mr. McCORMACK. While our late friend JIM BOWLER had served in this body for a comparatively short period of time in a part of the 83d Congress, and in the 84th Congress, and in this Congress, and due to his physical condition has not been able to be with us physically and in the House during this Congress, he has made a profound, favorable impression upon all of his colleagues. The impression he has made was that which one who has served here for anywhere from 12 to 20 years would make. He was quiet, he was dignified, he had a kindly, whimsical smile on his face when he walked into this Chamber in great pain and sitting here day in and day out.

All Members got to know him very quickly. They were attracted by his strong, powerful personality. I had not known JIM BOWLER for a week before I felt that I had known him for years. The strong feeling of friendship that existed between us was quickly cemented and it was his remarkable, charming personality that did that.

So while he only served here for a comparatively short time, he has left his imprint upon the minds of all of us, the imprint of a fine legislator, a kind gentleman, a good man, and a great American.

Mr. BOWLER was a man of strong determination. He was not one who took the floor and made speeches. He sat in this Chamber and he voted in accordance with his judgment. His conscience and his strong determination were evidenced on many occasions. Speaking for the Democratic leadership. I can say that we could always depend on JIM BOWLER. Not only was he a great American but he was a great party man.

Some 3 months ago I called JIM BOWLER in Chicago from Washington to have a little chat with my very dear friend to find out how he was and to speak with him that the occasion would call for. I spoke with both JIM and Mrs. Bowler. As

an illustration of the strong determined type of mind that he possessed, despite the fact that he was very sick, despite the fact he was under orders from his doctor not to leave Chicago, during the talk he said to me, "John, if you and Sam Rayburn need me back in Washington tomorrow on an important vote, let me know and I will go back."

To me that illustrates more convincingly than anything else the strong character that JIM BOWLER possessed in connection with his devotion to the public office he occupied and to the duties of that office.

He was a quiet Member, but an effective one. He wielded influence with his other colleagues. He was a stabilizing influence. Sam Rayburn and I could go to him and JIM would talk to some Members in a very productive, effective way. We could always depend upon him.

I did not know him as long as Tom O'Brien or Barratt O'Hara knew him or others in terms of years, but in terms of spirit I feel as though I have known JIM BOWLER just as long as they have.

To Mrs. Bowler and her loved ones I extend the profound sympathy of Mrs. McCormack and myself.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in extending my deepest sympathy to the Illinois delegation in its hour of sorrow.

It was not my privilege to know Mr. BOWLER for many years. I became acquainted with him when he came to the House, and considered it a great privilege to enjoy his friendship. Although a Republican and he a stalwart Democrat, it was a pleasure to talk to him about some of these great problems that affect America. I used to jokingly tell him that if there was but one individual in the House present when Chaplain delivered his prayer, I could look across the aisle and see JIM BOWLER. He was constant in his attendance here and dedicated to the service for which he came to Washington. I know the great loss that the Illinois delegation has sustained. He was a friendly man and desirous of helping all. It is always a great loss when

a dedicated public servant passes away, and that is so, as far as JIM BOWLER was concerned. The public service is poorer for his having gone.

To the Illinois delegation and to his wife and the members of his family I offer my deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement, and I know that I express the sentiment of everyone on the Republican side of the House. We all had respect for JIM BOWLER and the cheerful way he carried on despite his physical handicap.

Mrs. CHURCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise with particular sadness. I learned yesterday that Alderman BOWLER, as he was known to us for many years during his long service in the city of Chicago, was perilously near death. I did not know until I started over this morning that the end had come. I would like to express not only my grief but my appreciation of what he contributed to this body. The majority leader has said that Mr. BOWLER was a strong party-line man, but fortunately for those of us of the minority, he never permitted that party line to influence his friendships. I enjoyed his humor as I met him in the corridor, and I benefited by his understanding. I regret to see the passing of a man who had so long and so great a reputation for service and sagacity in the great seats of government in State and country. I extend my sympathy to Mrs. Bowler and to his family. It is hard to lose at any time a husband and the head of a household; but I think that there is signal comfort in the knowledge that a great man has died at the height of is career, and while still rendering to his country great and memorable service.

Mr. BOYLE. Mr. Speaker, like the dean of the Illinois delegation [Mr. O'Brien], the members of the Illinois delegation, and all the Members of the House, I am saddened at the news that JAMES BOWLER, the great Congressman from the Seventh District of Illinois, has departed this life.

In retrospect, I remember the signal honor the House of Representatives bestowed on me at the start of the 1st session of the 85th Congress, when I was deputized by reso-

lution to go to Chicago to a hospital room and give the pledge to support the Constitution and swear JIM BOWLER in as a Member of this Congress. I did not know it would be such a magnificent honor as it represents itself to me in memory this morning.

Through a colorful, competent career covering more than a half century, Congressman BOWLER has been a journeyman statesman. Through fifty-odd years of active public life, our late beloved colleague has demonstrated a knowledge of, an interest in, and a dedication to the highest ideals and aspirations of civil responsibility, the like of which few elected officials of the whole Nation have ever simulated. It is edifying today, when we look back over those years so solidly spent and highlighted with some of the highest honors within the gift of a free people that were accorded him. The list of his successes are many, instancing a few we see him as chairman of the transportation committee of Chicago, as chairman of the powerful rules committee of the city of Chicago, and as chairman of the finance committee of the city of Chicago. For 8 years he served as president pro tempore of the city council.

Then on July 7, 1953, one of the most sought after and priceless dreams he ever entertained was fulfilled when Congressman BOWLER was elected to fill the vacancy of another great American, Congressman Adolph Sabath. After his election we see him, day in and day out, take his place on the floor of the House, participating in the deliberations and actions of the greatest assembly of a free people in the whole world.

Today those often heard Latin words, "tempus fugit, memento mori"—time flies, remember death—are called vividly to our attention.

In the rough and tumble of big city politics, our departed colleague was always a great American, a great leader, and a fine gentleman. Never under the party label he cherished and honored did he ever perform an unkind or an inequitable

act. Until the end he wore his 82 years proudly like a young general carrying his medals.

As we eulogize our beloved friend and colleague and point up his contributions, let us so conduct ourselves that when we, too, arrive at a similar milestone in our own life's journey we, too, will have won the esteem and the affection of our associates, friends and constituents.

To his loving bride of many wonderful summers and winters on behalf of the dean of our delegation, Congressman T. O'Brien, the Illinois delegation and the entire membership of the House, I extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. In her late husband's inspiration and example, may she find comfort and strength.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, it was with a heavy heart that I learned this morning of the passing of my dear friend and colleague, JAMES B. BOWLER. I knew him intimately for many years and when I was city treasurer of Chicago, my work brought me in frequent and constant contact with him. I always found him to be fair in his dealings with his fellow man and a gentleman of the highest principles.

He lived a long and useful life devoted to public service. He was born in Chicago on February 5, 1875, and made Chicago his lifelong home.

Congressman BOWLER was well known in his younger days in the athletic world and particularly as a champion bicycle racer, having won many important races.

He was an alderman in the city council over a period of 46 years, stepping out of that position only twice, once to serve in the very important post of commissioner of compensation for the city of Chicago and for 6 months as vehicle license commissioner, in which post I succeeded him in 1939.

During his distinguished service on the city council, for 8 years he served as president pro tempore of that body—acting mayor. At various times he also served as chairman of many of the committees of the city council.

Congressman BOWLER was elected to the United States House of Representatives July 7, 1953, to succeed the late

dean of the House and a fellow member from Illinois, the Honorable Adolph J. Sabath. He was loved and respected by his constituents, giving them always of his best. He leaves behind a host of friends in public and private life who will share a feeling of grief and loss on his passing. I know that we will all join in sending our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife and family.

Mr. BYRNE of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a freshman Member of the House of Representatives, I join with the Illinois delegation, the distinguished majority leader, the distinguished minority leader, and the gentlewoman from Illinois, in extending my sympathies to the bereaved wife of JIM BOWLER and all other members of the Bowler family.

Some of my colleagues from Illinois spoke about different facets of the life of that fine gentleman, that excellent father, that leader in the political life of our community in Chicago, Cook County, Ill. My friends, Barratt O'Hara, Tom Gordon, and Tom O'Brien, knew him longer than I did back in our community of Chicago. They have all touched upon different steps in his life. They referred to his athletic interest, which I recall very vividly, back in the twenties. I remember when JIM BOWLER was a member of the city council of the city of Chicago, at a time when I was an assistant corporation counsel of that city. Back in those days I as a young Republican and others as young Democrats, and some others as older Democrats, got along very well in the political life in Chicago and Cook County. That city and county were divided, but divided only to the extent that people who were successful in public life were of different political parties, but we got along in an amicable way.

I was born, raised, and educated on the south side of the city. Men like Tom O'Brien and his political leader, Pat Nash, came from the great West Side. I remember JIM BOWLER, and I remember another Bowler. That Bowler was Tom Bowler, a cousin of the great JIM BOWLER. He, too, was active in the forum of athletic events, particularly baseball. I recall a period of time when I was active in the Woodland Bards, and led the Woodland Bards as its presi-

dent. I remember the cooperation, coordination, and assistance of men like JIM BOWLER and Tom Bowler.

Yes; as I said, JIM BOWLER came from another part of the city of Chicago. Those of us, such as Barratt O'Hara, Tom O'Brien, the Nashes, and myself, were educated in the public and parochial schools of that city. Mr. Kluczynski the same way. We saw the political life come to the top.

Yes; JIM BOWLER'S name, and the name of the Bowler family, was always synonymous with honesty, integrity, and being law-abiding people. They were leaders, and they were respected and God-fearing people.

Yes; a power on earth that is supreme has called to his reward in heaven JIM BOWLER. He has gone to his reward. The reward is such that we hope that some day we will be entitled to and get the same consideration from a merciful God.

I, too, join with my colleagues in extending my sympathies to the widow of JIM BOWLER and all other members of the family.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, one of the oldest and wisest and most useful and most valued Members of the House has answered his last rollcall.

I felt that I knew Mr. BOWLER for many years before I met him and men acquainted with public affairs over the Nation knew him by reputation long before he came to the House of Representatives.

In the eventful 82 years of his life he had witnessed and had participated largely in the making of the history of the most fruitful and most progressive half century of the 2,000 years since the establishment of the calendar.

In his own beloved city of Chicago he had been an inspiring and dominant force for progress and achievement every one of those crucial 50 years. While we shall miss him here in the House and in the Nation his loss will be particularly deplored in the great central city of the continent where he rendered such invaluable service to his community and all mankind.

His assignment to the Committee on Appropriations came earlier than usually comes to the average Member. As a rule a Member serves a longer period of apprenticeship on some legislative committee before coming to the Appropriations Committee. But his wide experience, his intimate knowledge and understanding of basic metropolitan problems brought him to the committee after two terms in the House and we looked forward to having the benefit of his wise counsel and technical experience in Government with warmest anticipation.

Although he passes on in the fullness of years and after distinguished service and eminent success crowned by honors and every evidence of the approval and grateful appreciation of his city and his Nation, it is to be deeply regretted that we could not longer have had the benefit of his association and cooperation.

I join with those who knew him and loved him best in extending our deepest sympathy to his family and his constituents.

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, it was a privilege and a pleasure indeed to associate with JIM BOWLER. He was a member of our committee from the beginning of his career as a Member of the House of Representatives. I know he endeared himself to every Member by his tolerance, his contributions and his beloved way of understanding of people. His position on our committee, his loyalty to the job that he had ahead of him and his friendship with everybody on the committee is going to be a difficult position to refill. I want to join with all his friends in sharing condolences to his family. JIM BOWLER really was a great American.

Mr. BAILEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the close friends of our departed colleague in paying tribute to the memory of Mr. BOWLER. Upon election to the 84th Congress, he was appointed to the Committee on Education and Labor where his timely and well-intentioned advice often served as a leavening influence on the turbulence that some-

times occurs in our committee. We miss him—we miss him in his absence. One of the finest attributes of Mr. BOWLER was his regular attendance in our committee despite his physical handicap. Always he was there with a ready smile, eager to transact the business of the committee. We missed him during his absence in this session of the Congress. I join with his friends in extending my heartfelt sympathy to his widow and the other members of the family.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the dean and other members of the Illinois delegation in paying tribute to our colleague, JIM BOWLER. My congressional district adjoins the city of Chicago. Before JIM BOWLER came to Congress, he served for about 50 years as a member of the Chicago city council. He was president of the council and also chairman of committees in the municipal government of Chicago during most of this service. I became acquainted with JIM BOWLER several years before he came to Congress. Living close to the city of Chicago for years prior to the time that JIM BOWLER came to Washington as a Member of the House of Representatives, I read in the newspapers about his civic activities and great service to the city of Chicago as a public official. His service extended back almost to the turn of the century. I know the dean of the Illinois delegation, Congressman Thomas O'Brien, Barratt O'Hara, William Dawson, and all the oldtime leaders in Chicago revere the great character of JIM BOWLER because they knew of his great work back 30 and 40 years ago. Anybody who is acquainted with the turbulent politics of any great metropolitan city realizes that any person who can be successful in the political life of such a great city by being reelected to public office and be held in high esteem by the voters over a period of half a century—that man certainly must possess outstanding qualities, integrity and ability. He also must be inspired with a sense of real service to the people of his community. His public life has contributed immeasurably to the growth and expansion of Chicago during his active career. All Chicago citizens mourn his passing

along with his many friends. I wish to extend my sympathy to Mrs. Bowler and the other members of the family in their great bereavement.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that the news came to us this morning of the loss of our colleague, JAMES BOWLER. I had the privilege of sitting next to him in the Committee on Education and Labor, day after day, and then joining him very often here on the floor of the House. It is always with a feeling of inspiration that I will remember those moments, because Mr. BOWLER in his comments on the subjects that were being considered always seemed to approach it with such a human point of view. He never made a harsh judgment; always a kind judgment. His contribution to the work of our committee, his contribution to the study of the matters that were considered on the floor meant much to the workers of the House of Representatives.

The people of his district have lost an able Representative. The people of his State and his countrymen have lost an able statesman. We who worked with him but perhaps did not know him so long or so well, however, would like to join with the dean and members of the Illinois delegation in saying that we feel the loss of a really true friend.

I wish to extend my own deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Bowler and the rest of the family.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join the distinguished gentleman, the dean of the Illinois delegation, and his colleagues from that great State in paying tribute to our beloved colleague, JIM BOWLER. I had the good fortune to meet Mr. BOWLER the first day he occupied his seat in this Chamber. I was immediately impressed by the warmth of his personality. I know he was a friend of mine and I was a friend of his. Our friendship began with our first acquaintance, and it was a friendship that I have cherished ever since.

Mr. BOWLER came here late in life, but he brought with him a freshness that few Members, many years his junior, bring with them. Mr. BOWLER never seemed to me to be an

old man. At 82 he was a young man in spirit. He was attentive. He worked at his job. He was considerate of every Member of this body. He was a great man, a fine Representative. I personally shall miss him, and I join in extending to his loved ones my deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Speaker, it was with genuine regret that I learned of the passing of our dear friend, JIM BOWLER, from Illinois. Serving with him on the Committee on Education and Labor was to me a source of real pleasure. His mental vigor, his attention to even the minor duties as a member of that committee was amazing. I shall always remember that one of his principal inquiries about any legislation before the committee was summed up in about this fashion: Is this good legislation? Is it going to hurt anybody? Is it going to help? Upon being satisfied on that query, he invariably took a position and never wavered throughout any amount of debate that might follow. He was always fair.

I join with the distinguished dean of the Illinois delegation in expressing genuine sympathy to the members of his family and to his friends, and to say that one of the high privileges of serving here in the Congress has been my association with JIM BOWLER.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the passing of our beloved colleague, the Honorable JAMES B. BOWLER, who represented the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois.

It was my happy privilege to have known JIM BOWLER since he was elected to the 83d Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late beloved Hon. Adolph J. Sabath. I always found JIM BOWLER most gracious, kind and considerate, a man who had acquired many close and loving friends.

He was the close personal friend of our respected colleague, Representative Thomas J. O'Brien, the dean of the Illinois

Democratic delegation, for over 60 years. I know that his passing is a great loss to Tom.

The city of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the entire Nation have suffered a loss in the death of Representative BOWLER. He was a loyal American, a true Christian gentleman. May Almighty God in His wisdom and mercy, grant him the peace and rest which he has richly earned.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his dear wife in her bereavement.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my distinguished Illinois colleagues in expressing profound regret at the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, Hon. JAMES B. BOWLER, of Chicago.

On the floor of Congress he was a very warm and considerate person of fine judgment. His modesty, his temperate approach to important national issues were a guiding influence, particularly among the younger Members of Congress. He was kind, he was generous, and he was stimulating to know.

Congressman BOWLER rendered a lifetime of service to his community both in city government and in the United States Congress. As my distinguished colleague, the Honorable Barratt O'Hara, has stated, Congressman JAMES BOWLER was a rock of integrity.

I want to extend my profound sympathy to this family and to the Illinois delegation on this great loss.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Honorable JAMES B. BOWLER, of Illinois. It was a shock to me to learn of his passing. His loss will be felt deeply by our Nation.

It was a privilege and honor for me to serve in the House with such a distinguished, hardworking, and conscientious man as the late JAMES BOWLER. He has fought courageously for the interests of our people. He was dedicated to high moral, social, and political principles in his spheres of action.

JAMES BOWLER will be missed by his colleagues, and by the people of Illinois whom he served so well. To our late col-

league's family, I extend my deepest sympathy and the prayer that the Almighty Creator may grant him peace in eternity.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy today after learning with great sorrow and profound regret of the passing of my dear friend and colleague, JIM BOWLER. The news came as a great shock to all of us.

We of the Illinois delegation are especially grieved today because there will be an empty space hard to fill. JIM BOWLER was a kindly man. He always had a smile for everyone. He had one particular seat he liked to sit in here in this great Chamber, and you could always find him there very attentive and always had a smile and a hello for everyone. It would take hours to tell of the many great deeds of public service performed by JIM BOWLER. He has done many great things for the people of his native Chicago and the State and Nation during his many years of public service. He was loved and respected by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. I knew JIM BOWLER long before either of us came to Congress and I can say to you today that I never met a more pleasant and dedicated man.

I am once again reminded of those words, "Greater love hath no man than this, than he who is willing to lay down his life for his friends." JIM BOWLER was that type of man. We will miss him very much but shall be better off because he came our way. To the members of his family I would like to extend my deepest sympathy in this time of bereavement.

Mr. Speaker, all of us mourn the passing of our dear friend and colleague, the Honorable JAMES BOWLER of Chicago. There is an empty space in the Illinois delegation that will be difficult to fill. JIM BOWLER had an outstanding record of public service.

I would like to include in the Record an editorial by the Chicago American of July 20, 1957, that outlines some of the great work performed by our departed friend.

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES BOWLER

Representative JAMES BOWLER, who died Thursday at the age of 82, had been a Congressman since 1953 and before that had served

as a member of the Chicago City Council longer than any other man in history. He became an alderman in 1906.

As Mayor Daley says, "He played a major part in the progress and development of the city" in the course of his long service in the council.

Among the great civic achievements in which he had a leading part was the building of the Congress Street Expressway. He was in front of the long fight to overcome the countless obstacles to the project, and in the end his advocacy had a decisive part in persuading the council to approve the plan.

He was an effective leader also in the development of the West Side Medical Center.

In Congress Representative BOWLER worked energetically for the development of O'Hare Field and for increased lake diversion.

Transferring to the new field of national politics in the closing years of his life, he served the people of Chicago there with intelligence and vigor until illness put an end to his service. He will be remembered as a man who helped make Chicago history.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from the Chicago area and the State of Illinois paying tribute to the memory of the Honorable JAMES B. BOWLER, whose death has just been announced to the House.

It was my pleasure to form a close acquaintanceship with Mr. BOWLER since he came to the House in July of 1953 to succeed the late Honorable Adolph J. Sabath.

I am certain that my admiration and respect for this fine public servant is shared by every Member of this body. Few men in American public life have had such a distinguished record of service, which covered a span of over a half century beginning with election in 1906 to the city council of the great city of Chicago.

I extend to Mrs. Bowler my sincere and deepest sympathy.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to our late colleague, JAMES B. BOWLER.

JAMES BOWLER was first elected to the House of Representatives to represent the Seventh District of Illinois on July 7, 1953, after serving 43 years on the Chicago City Council. He was assigned to the Committee on Education and Labor which he served diligently and well. He also took an active role in the legislative program of the House, and it was in-

deed a rare occasion for him to be absent from the floor. During the 85th Congress, JAMES BOWLER was made a member of the Committee on Appropriations, and one of his subcommittees was Agricultural Appropriations, on which I have the pleasure of serving.

JAMES BOWLER's contributions to good government were many and will long be remembered by his colleagues. But JAMES BOWLER is forever implanted in our memories for reasons other than public service. Endearing him to all were the qualities of devotion to his family and friends, a keen sense of humor, rugged integrity, and good commonsense which he possessed in such abundance. I am acutely aware of the privilege afforded me in being associated with such a man.

The State of Illinois and the United States deeply mourn the passing of JAMES BOWLER. A man of his ability and character is irreplaceable. To his wife and family I extend my profound sympathy in their sorrow.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I want to take advantage of this opportunity to pay my respects to the life and public service of our departed friend, JAMES B. BOWLER. I had the privilege of serving with him on the Committee on Education and Labor during the 83d and 84th Congresses, before he went to serve on the Committee on Appropriations.

Congressman BOWLER had a high sense of duty in the public service. He had served his own Chicago for a period of 50 years before coming to this body. As we sat on the committee together, we sometimes had an occasion to talk before the committee opened its deliberations, and he sometimes told me stories of his public service that were of the greatest interest. On one occasion I suggested to him that he should take the time to write some of his rich experiences into a book.

I found the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. BOWLER, to be a man of very practical mind. It was easy for him to see through conflicting contentions and come to a sound, workable conclusion. He loved the people. He had their interest

always uppermost in his mind. He was a kindly man. He suffered much physical pain and anguish, yet he lived in the spirit of Ella Wilcox poem which says:

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep and you weep alone,
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.

I was in position to realize that our departed friend carried a heavy burden in his physical limitations, but he never complained. As a matter of fact I never heard him mention it at all.

Mr. BOWLER was a very cooperative person in all his dealings with the Members. He was a good party man. He took great pride in being a good Democrat.

He was a fighter for what he believed in. The things he stood for were good for the people. They were good for the country.

I shall miss his friendship very much.

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague and friend the Honorable JAMES BOWLER, of Illinois, has saddened us all. "Mr. JIM," as I used to call him, was a conscientious, sincere, industrious, dedicated representative of the people of his great congressional district and of the entire Nation. For several years our offices were just across the hall on the fourth floor of the Old House Office Building and because of this close location of our respective workshops, we just quite naturally became close friends.

Although "Mr. JIM" was a man of advanced years—one would never know it because he had the energy and drive of a man at least 25 years younger. There was no problem of his constituents that was too small for "Mr. JIM" to carefully study and to lend a helping hand.

His sage advice, his kindness, his humor, his ability, his friendliness, were all marks of his sterling character.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the Master has prepared a fine resting place for "Mr. JIM" in that great mansion on high. May God bless and keep his loved ones—always.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I join with his many friends and distinguished colleagues in mourning the death of JAMES BOWLER, our respected colleague from Illinois. To his wife, I extend my deep personal sympathy in her great loss.

We know she will take comfort in the admiration expressed in this House by the many Members who came to know JIM BOWLER during his service among us. His long and distinguished career in public service will be a continuing source of inspiration just as his wealth of experience in public administration contributed to our work in the Congress.

His friendly manner was missed during the period of his illness. His love for the House of Representatives was demonstrated by his faithful attendance and his careful attention to the legislation before the Congress.

Those of us who knew him respected his judgment and valued him as a friend.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JAMES B. BOWLER, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee Mr. O'Brien of Illinois, Mr. Dawson of Illinois, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Yates, Mrs. Church, Mr. Kluczynski, Mr. McVey, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. O'Hara of Illinois, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Byrne of Illinois, and Mr. Collier.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 51 minutes p. m.) the House, pursuant to its previous order, adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 19, 1957, at 11 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, *July 19, 1957.*

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McBride, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 167

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES B. BOWLER, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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THURSDAY, *July 18, 1957.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, which will be read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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July 18, 1957.

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Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, Representative JAMES B. BOWLER, whose death has just been announced, was one of the most distinguished public officials in the city of Chicago, and for a long period of time was my close personal friend. In his youth Representative BOWLER was a famous athlete, and some 50 years ago was one of the champion cyclists of the country. He competed in sprints and middle-distance events, winning national championships, and he was a member of one of the famous teams which won a 6-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden.

After terminating his athletic life, he entered the field of politics, and was elected an alderman in the city of Chicago, and served in that capacity for 45 years.

I was a colleague of his in the Chicago City Council for a number of years. Councilman BOWLER was a kindly, generous, and friendly man, with great native shrewdness and ability, and he became the chairman of the finance committee of the city council, which was the leading post on that body. In that capacity he conducted the affairs of his office with great ability.

Some years ago he was elected to Congress to succeed the famous Adolph J. Sabath, from that district, and he won the hearts of all his colleagues in the other body as he had won the hearts of members of the Chicago City Council and the citizens of Chicago generally.

It is with a deep sense of personal sorrow and real appreciation for his splendid public service that on behalf of myself and my colleague [Mr. Dirksen] I submit the following resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the observations made by my distinguished senior colleague. While I did not know JAMES BOWLER quite so well, I did know him and did esteem him. I quite agree that he

was a very spectacular, shall I say, and colorful figure in the political and civic life of Chicago. So I join in these expressions of sympathy, and I trust they will be communicated to his family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 167) was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I move that the Senate take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 6 o'clock and 17 minutes p. m.) the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, took a recess, the recess being, under the order previously entered, until tomorrow, Friday, July 19, 1957, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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